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File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy
Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - Project Notification: Audit of EPA's Protection of Systems With Access to National Security or Personally Identifiable Information (Project No. OA-FY16-0126)
Instructions: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: Eileen Naples - AO-IO
OCFO - OCFO -- Immediate Office
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OHS - Office of Homeland Security
OPA - Office of Public Affairs

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Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 14, 2016

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
Audit of EPA's Protection of Systems With Access to National Security or
Personally Identifiable Information
Project No. OA-FY16-0126

FROM: Rudolph M. Brevard, Director *Rudolph M. Brevard*
Information Resources Management Audits
Office of Audit

TO: *See Below*

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), plans to begin fieldwork for an audit of the EPA's compliance with the mandated "Inspector General Report on Covered Systems," as outlined in the Cybersecurity Act of 2015.

The OIG's audit objective is to determine to what extent the EPA implemented information system security policies and procedures to protect agency systems that provide access to national security or personally identifiable information, as outlined in Title IV, Section 406 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015. The OIG plans to conduct its work at EPA headquarters and at other EPA offices as needed. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our project. The anticipated benefit of this project is to contribute to the agency's theme of "Embracing EPA as a High-Performing Organization."

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss the audit scope and objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project. During the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis by email, and/or during meetings with the Senior Agency Information Security Officer and appropriate program and regional audit follow-up coordinators.

Attachment A contains a listing of specific information that we need from the EPA in order to complete the Inspector General Report on Covered Systems, and additional information needed from select EPA system owners. To ensure the success and timely completion of this project, the EPA should provide the OIG with the requested information in Attachment A within 2 weeks from the date of this memo.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978 to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request your resolution if an agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG, or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the Administrator and include the incident in the Semiannual Report to Congress.

I will be supervising the project, and any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0893 or brevard.rudy@epa.gov; or to Chuck Dade, Project Manager, at (202) 566-2575 or dade.chuck@epa.gov.

Attachments (2)

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Sub-Committee: N/A

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Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required **Signature Date:** N/A
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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - Executive Order- Strengthening the Senior Executive Service
Guidance on Qualifications Review Board
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OPA - Office of Public Affairs

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Washington, DC 20415

The Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: BETH F. COBERT
ACTING DIRECTOR 

Subject: Executive Order – Strengthening the Senior Executive Service: Guidance on Qualifications Review Board Submission Methods

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing the attached guidance to agencies on Qualification Review Board (QRB) submission methods, as required by the Executive Order (EO) – "Strengthening the Senior Executive Service," issued on December 15, 2015, (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/12/15/executive-order-strengthening-senior-executive-service>). This EO mandates a number of actions over the next three years to improve the management of the Senior Executive Service (SES). Section 3(a)(iii) of the EO specifically requires OPM to evaluate the current QRB process and issue guidance to agencies about materials acceptable for QRB consideration, including those that will provide an alternative to the traditional Executive Core Qualifications (ECQ) narrative statement commonly used by agencies for QRB submissions. The EO also requires OPM to issue guidance on ways agencies may streamline their initial application requirements for SES positions.

At this time, OPM has completed an evaluation of the QRB and is hereby issuing this guidance to agencies about submission methods and materials that will be acceptable for QRB consideration. The guidance includes information and tools for agencies to implement hiring and QRB submission methods that will serve as alternatives to the traditional methods commonly applied by agencies. The guidance also provides information to agencies on streamlining their initial hiring processes. The guidance further highlights for agencies a number of valuable opportunities for training, partnering, and piloting of additional assessments. The guidance provides a framework and multiple options to address a variety of agency needs and preferences, while empowering agencies with appropriate flexibility to determine and implement the most effective solutions for each agency's successful SES hiring and mission accomplishment. OPM will provide additional support to agencies through SES hiring/QRB forums, development of new leadership assessment solutions, and other tools and resources.

Additionally, Section 3(a)(iv) of the EO requires heads of agencies with SES positions to examine their hiring processes and make improvements within 120 days of the issuance of this guidance, and as agencies begin that effort, OPM will be concurrently designing and testing additional innovations to improve the SES hiring process and the QRB process. These innovations will include the development of enhanced leadership assessment methods, as well as alternative methods of documenting executive qualifications during the agency hiring process

(e.g., video-based documentation) that could be used to satisfy the needs of QRB assessors, all of which could enable the selection of SES members without a traditional heavy reliance on written materials.

OPM is urgently seeking agency partners on this effort to test and inform the design and implementation of these innovations; agencies that are willing to pilot these new solutions are asked to immediately volunteer via e-mail at SERS@opm.gov. Once these new SES hiring and QRB submission methods have been validated and released for Governmentwide use, OPM will update the attached QRB guidance to include information and instructions on the use of the new methods.

If you have questions about this guidance or require any assistance, please contact any of the following OPM officials by telephone (202-606-8046) or by e-mail: Steve Shih, Deputy Associate Director, Senior Executive Services and Performance Management (Stephen.Shih@opm.gov); Laura Lynch, Manager, Senior Executive Resources Services (Laura.Lynch@opm.gov); or Nicole Wright, Team Lead, Senior Executive Resources Services (Nicole.Wright@opm.gov).

Attachment: Guidance on Qualifications Review Board Submission Methods

cc: Chief Human Capital Officers
Human Resources Directors



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Citizen Information

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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: Kristien Knapp - AO-IO

OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

OPA - Office of Public Affairs

R7 - Region 7 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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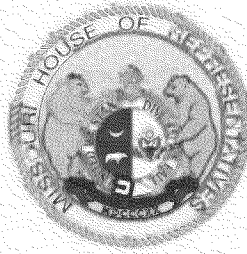
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March 8, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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2016 MAR 14 AM 11:45
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Re: 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I understand that on February 17, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rejected the state of Missouri's recommendation that the Franklin County Missouri Area be classified as "unclassifiable" for the revised 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (1 Hour SO₂ NAAQS) promulgated by USEPA. Instead, USEPA has proposed that the Franklin County Missouri Area be designated as non-attainment. EPA's proposed decision is contrary to the overwhelming technical information, and the proposed decision violates the intent of the state of Missouri's decision, expressed through a vote of the general assembly and signature by the Governor, to require that any designation within its own borders be based upon the best available scientific information including actual monitored data. USEPA decision is arbitrary, wrong and must be reversed.

The 1 Hour SO₂ NAAQS arises from the Clean Air Act and is more specifically defined in the code of federal regulations 40 CFR 50.17. The specific requirement is: 1-hour SO₂ standard of 75 ppb. In 2015 the Missouri legislature enacted Senate Bill 445 which was signed into the law by Governor Nixon. SB445 provides that designation decisions should be made with full consideration of the best available information including, if a source elects to install a monitoring network, actual ambient air quality data collected.

Two air monitors were installed in April, 2015 at locations around the Labadie Energy Center. The locations were chosen pursuant to EPA criteria. One monitor has operated continuously since installation. The other operated continuously until it was impacted by the Christmas flood but I understand it will resume operating this month. There has not been a single reading on either monitor in which the 1 Hour SO₂ NAAQS was exceeded. The highest measured values range between 14 and 56

ppb, anywhere between 77% and 25% below the standard. A summary of the highest measured values is included in Attachment 1.

I believe that the EPA should use the best scientific data available to determine the quality of our air. Decisions regarding air classification should be factual rather than political.

For the people of Franklin County Missouri, this is a serious matter. A non-attainment designation will have serious, long-term negative economic consequences.

EPA's reliance on flawed science also has the long-term effect of eroding public confidence in the agency's credibility.

After full consideration of the best available information and actual data collected around the Franklin County Missouri Area, MDNR recommended to USEPA that the area be classified as "unclassifiable". In light of all the uncertainties around the air quality prediction model used by the regulators in these designation efforts and the almost one full year of actual monitored data that shows the air quality is far below the 1 Hour SO₂ NAAQS, MDNR believed, correctly, that more information is needed before a correct designation decision could be made. There is no benefit to recommending an area as non-attainment if the modeling cannot be considered reliable (even USEPA believes the model is not reliable without corrections under certain circumstances), and if full consideration of actual data could very well demonstrate that the area actually attains the standard.

Instead of celebrating the collective, positive air quality information, including specifically the actual data trending towards attainment and modeling showing attainment when site specific variables are used rather than generic default options, the USEPA rejected MDNR's recommendation and instead proposed a designation of non-attainment.¹ In rejecting MDNR's strongly supported recommendation, USEPA has failed the state of Missouri and its residents. There is no excuse for USEPA's failure to consider the monitored data gathered to date, failure to consider its own admitted flaws of modeling over prediction and failure to honor the mandate of the state of Missouri that designation decisions be based on good and meaningful science.

USEPA's decision to designate the Franklin County Missouri Area as non-attainment is arbitrary and erroneous. We ask that USEPA make a science based decision and classify the Franklin County, Missouri Area as unclassifiable so that additional technically sound data can be gathered to make a correct designation.

Sincerely,



cc: The Honorable Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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¹ The Agency also drew the jurisdictional boundaries to now include portions of Franklin County and portions of St. Charles County.



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Schatz, Dave

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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Addressee Org: EPA

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Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: Kristien Knapp - AO-IO

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Lead Author: N/A

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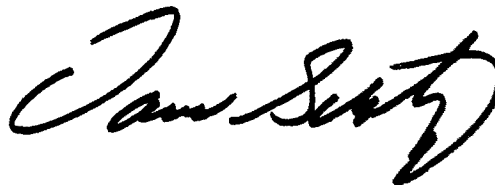
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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Addressee Org: EPA

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Priority Code: Normal

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Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - Resolution R2016-19 of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida expressing support for and requesting that the Bay Area Resource Council be designated as the entity for Pensacola Bay and Perdido BayEstuary Programs

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: Matthew Klasen - OW
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OPA - Office of Public Affairs
OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office

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Pam Childers

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Escambia County

Clerk of Courts • County Comptroller • Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners • Recorder • Auditor

February 22, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator (1101A)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Escambia County Resolution R2016-19

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

Enclosed, pursuant to Section 4 of the Resolution, is a copy of Resolution R2016-19, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, Expressing Support For and Requesting that the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) Be Designated as the Entity for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Programs which will Manage Comprehensive Plans for the Restoration and Protection of Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay, Providing for an Effective Date, as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, on February 18, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at 850-595-3920.

Sincerely,

Pam Childers

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

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Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R2016- 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND REQUESTING THAT THE BAY AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL (BARC) BE DESIGNATED AS THE ENTITY FOR THE PENSACOLA BAY AND PERDIDO BAY ESTUARY PROGRAMS WHICH WILL MANAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF PENSACOLA BAY AND PERDIDO BAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay and their associated waterways provide boating, fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreational and economic opportunities for citizens and visitors of Florida; and

WHEREAS, mismanagement of Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay may exacerbate flooding and property loss, negatively impact water quality and estuarine habitat, negatively affect the local economy, and threaten the health, safety and welfare of Florida's citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has received funding to "stand up" and establish one (1) Estuary Program in Northwest Florida in order to coordinate management and improvement of the water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1987 with elected officials from five local governments (Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, City of Pensacola, City of Gulf Breeze, and City of Milton); and

WHEREAS, the BARC has the purpose of improving Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay through community coordination and participation from stakeholders including federal, state and local governments, citizens, academia, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the BARC has the organizational structure, history and experience with local issues pertaining to Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay to be the entity for the Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay Estuary Programs; and

WHEREAS, the BARC is currently funded by Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, City of Pensacola, City of Gulf Breeze, and the City of Milton; and

WHEREAS, the BARC has advised that the USEPA has received a grant in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) that may become available to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the governing structure of the BARC is not organized as a taxing authority. The BARC is authorized to pass resolutions and propose ordinances which must then be approved by each respective member's Board; and

WHEREAS, the BARC is not intended to become an independent special sub district; and

WHEREAS, the BARC is currently staffed by the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) and the estuary program would also fall under the WFRPC; and

Date: 2/22/2016 Verified By: J. Caru

WHEREAS, the BARC currently has only one (1) staff person and if awarded this program, the BARC would increase staff as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners finds the above recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

Section 2. That the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for and requests that the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) be designated as the Estuary Program organization to manage a comprehensive plan for the restoration and protection of Pensacola Bay and Perdido Bay.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. That the Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Jonathan P. Stevenson of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee; Director Shawn Hamilton of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northwest District in Pensacola; Executive Director Brett Cyphers of the Northwest Florida Water Management District in Havanna; Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Chair and Secretary of the Department of Commerce Penny Pritzker in Washington, DC; Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Executive Director Justin R. Ehrenwerth in Washington, DC; USEPA Secretary Gina McCarthy in Washington, DC; and USEPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water Ken Kopocis in Washington, DC.

ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2016.

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency.

By/Title:

Date:

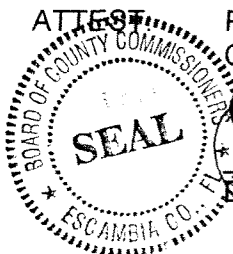
M. Crawford, AEA
2/18/2016

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ATTEST

Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court



Lizbeth Carr
Deputy Clerk

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BCC Approved 2/18/2016